

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims reflects all claim amendments and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Material to be inserted is in underline, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]].

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A method for computer networking, comprising:
2 receiving a request for a web resource from a remote client;
3 sending a message to initiate a page rendering process at the remote client, wherein
4 content of the message is independent of the request;
5 processing the request;
6 sending the requested response to the client.
- 1 2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is a new web page.
- 1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is statically generated.
- 1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is encoded in an HTML
2 file.
- 1 5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is dynamically generated.
- 1 6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the web resource is encoded in an XML
2 file.

1 7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the request is received at a server.

1 8. (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein the server is a first server configured to act
2 as a proxy between the client and a second server configured to serve the requested web
3 resource.

1 9. (Original) The method of claim 8 wherein the first server is configured to accelerate
2 the time it takes for the client to download the requested web resource from the second server.

1 10. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the message is an application level
2 message.

1 11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein the message is an initial generic portion
2 of the response.

1 12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message includes the first byte of the
2 message.

1 13. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message includes the first four bytes
2 of the message.

1 14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is limited to the
2 first byte of the message.

1 15. (Currently amended) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is limited to the
2 first four bytes of the message.

1 16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the request is received after executing a
2 TCP handshake.

1 17. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is an "H".

1 18. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein the message is an "HTTP".

1 19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the message begins with an "H".

1 20. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the message begins with an "HTTP".

1 21. (Original) A method for computer networking, comprising;
2 receiving multiple requests from one or more remote clients, each request being
3 for a web resource;
4 sending a generic message to each client before processing the request;
5 processing the request; and
6 sending a response to each client including at least a portion of the requested web
7 resource.

1 22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the message is an application level
2 message.

1 23. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the message is an IPR message.

1 24. (Original) The method of claim 22 wherein the message is an initial generic portion
2 of the response.

1 25. (Original) The method of claim 24 wherein the message includes the first byte of the
2 message.

1 26. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the request is sent after executing a TCP
2 handshake.

1 27. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein the message includes an "H".

1 28. (Original) The method of claim 26 wherein the message includes an "HTTP".

1 29. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the message includes a modified version
2 of the requested web resource.

1 30. (Currently Amended) A networking device for use on a computer network
2 connecting a web server and a remote client, wherein the remote client is configured to download
3 a web resource from the web server via the computer network and display the web resource via a
4 browser, the device comprising, a controller configured to:

5 receive multiple requests from one or more remote clients, each request being for a web
6 resource;

7 send a generic message to initiate the page rendering process at the browser of the
8 remote client to each of the clients in response to, and before processing, the request, and

9 send the requested web resource to the client via the computer network.

1 31. (Original) A system for use with a computer network to which a plurality of remote
2 clients are connected, the system comprising a server configured to receive a request for a web
3 resource from a remote client and, prior to processing the request, send to the remote client a
4 message adapted to initiate a page rendering process.

1 32. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the server is a web server.

1 33. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the server is a first server configured to
2 act as a proxy between the remote clients and a second server configured to serve the requested
3 web resource.

1 34. (Original) The system of claim 33 wherein the first and second server are connected
2 via a local area network.

1 35. (Original) The system of claim 31 wherein the page rendering process is initialized
2 by an application level message.

1 36. (Original) The method of claim 35 wherein the message is an initial generic portion
2 of the response.

1 37. (Original) The method of claim 36 wherein the message includes the first byte of the
2 message.

1 38. (Original) The method of claim 37 wherein the message is an "H".

1 39. (Original) The method of claim 38 wherein the message is an "HTTP".

1 40. (Currently amended) A system for use in computer networking, the system
2 comprising:

3 a computer network;

4 a web server;

5 a remote client configured to request a web resource from the web server via the
6 computer network; and
7 an acceleration device positioned intermediate the web server and the remote
8 client on the computer network; the acceleration device being configured to, upon receipt of the
9 request, send an application level, request-independent message to the remote client before
10 processing the request.

1 41. (Original) The system of claim 40 wherein the acceleration device is further
2 configured to accelerate transmission of the web resource from the web.

1 42. (Original) The system of claim 40 wherein the application level message is an IPR
2 message.

1 43. (Currently amended) An article comprising: a storage medium having a plurality of
2 machine-readable instructions, wherein when the instructions are executed by a computing
3 system, the instructions provide for:

4 receiving multiple requests from one or more clients; each client configured to display a
5 web resource via a browser and each request being for a web resource;

6 sending, in response to, and before processing of, the request, a generic message adapted
7 to initiate a page rendering process at the browser;

8 processing the request by obtaining the requested web resource;

9 sending the requested web resource to each of the clients.